

Petition Table – Active Petitions

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Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 449</p> <p>Speed outside school - Cotherstone Primary</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b> Received 25.1.24 No. of signatures 12</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to lower the speed limit by Cotherstone Primary School, Cotherstone.</p> <p>E-Petition ran from 25.1.24 – 7.3.24</p> <p>Although this location would not meet our policy for the reduction to a lower legal speed limit of 20mph from the existing 30mph we would be happy to progress a school advisory 20mph for the village, subject to funding. We would always support this type of proposal although this would require the funding support of local County Councillors and/or the Parish Council. The cost to install an advisory 20mph zone is approx. £15k (this includes a £2.5k package of education and marketing delivered by our Road Safety Team).</p> <p>We have recently undertaken a road marking and signage audit in Cotherstone and as a result we will be implementing some enhanced slow markings on approach to the village to aid drivers and to help with compliance to the current speed limit. In addition, some signs have been identified for routine maintenance activity and these will be replaced as soon as our current workload will permit.</p> <p>As part of an agreed protocol, all speeding complaints are directed towards Durham Constabulary primarily through their Police and Communities Together (PACT) Meetings, enabling the appropriate level of intervention and action to be considered.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>
<p>Petition 450</p> <p>Save Leazes Footbridge, Durham City</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b></p>	<p>NCC</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to further explore the repair and replacement options for Leazes Footbridge, until a workable solution is found, and to make a functioning footbridge a top priority.</p>	<p>E-Petition to run from 6.2.24 – 14.6.24</p>

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<p>Received 4.2.24 No. of signatures</p>			
<p>Petition 451</p> <p>Bus Routes Shildon</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b> Received 15.2.24 No of signatures 48</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking for the Council to reinstate the bus routes in Shildon.</p> <p>E-Petition to run from 15.2.24 – 28.3.24</p> <p>Within this area, Arriva services 1 and 5 are operated commercially during the daytime without any subsidy from the local authority, we do provide subsidy for trips that operate on an evening. Arriva can set routes, fares and timetables as it sees fit, although in registering a change the information becomes public and can be shared with and commented on by stakeholders.</p> <p>Arriva implemented commercial changes to withdraw service X1 in July 2023 to improve cost efficiencies within the business as the former network was unsustainable in its form. In aim to mitigate impacts to customers in Shildon, the commercial service 1 was re-routed to serve West Road thus to maintain a link to Tindale Crescent for access to local shops and amenities.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the withdrawal of the X1 and re-route to service 1 did result in a loss of service provision along Auckland Terrace, Adelaide Bank, and Byerley Road. Durham County Council appreciate that the impact of a longer walk to access alternative services for some customers. Durham County Council investigated the potential for replacement service provision but was not successfully implemented due to a combination of both operator resource and budget pressures.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

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		<p>The Durham County Council Access Bus as part of Integrated Passenger Transport also provides a timetabled bus service to popular shopping and leisure destinations for people who have difficulty getting about. The service covers towns and villages across the county including Shildon. All vehicles are fully accessible for people who are disabled or have mobility problems. More information is available on Durham County Councils website <a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/accessbus">https://www.durham.gov.uk/accessbus</a></p>	
<p>Petition 453 Child Friendly Village <b>E-Petition</b> Received 17.3.24 No. of signatures 44</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to make Hutton Henry a safe place for school children and residents.</p> <p>E-Petition ran from 17.3.24 – 3.6.24</p>	<p>Awaiting response from service.</p>
<p>Petition 455 HMOs <b>E-Petition</b> Received 20.3.24 No. of signatures 153</p>	<p>NCC/REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to adopt a policy that informs all local residents and the wider community of any potential new applications for HMO's in East Durham area.</p> <p>E-Petition ran from 20.3.24 – 1.5.24</p> <p>Landlords or agents must apply for planning permission to convert homes into HMOs for more than six people. If the landlord or agent rents out a house to six occupants or fewer, it is considered permitted development and planning permission is not required.</p> <p>In some cases, an Article 4 Direction can be made by the Council that requires planning permission to be sought for HMOs with six or fewer occupants. This is intended for areas with a high density of HMOs where there is evidence of a detrimental impact on residents.</p>	<p>Petition CLOSED</p>

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		<p>Where planning permission is required, there is a statutory requirement to consult with relevant parties. Letters are sent to neighbours to notify them of the proposals and where it is considered necessary specialists will be asked for their expert opinion. Those not in the immediate area can view planning applications online on the Councils website  <a href="https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/8276/View-and-comment-on-current-planning-applications">https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/8276/View-and-comment-on-current-planning-applications</a></p> <p>Landlords or agents managing a property for five or more occupiers must apply for an HMO licence from Durham County Council. Under the Housing Act 2004, the landlord does not need to apply for the licence until the property is occupied by tenants, meaning local authorities have no control over a property being converted into an HMO and no insight into who the tenants will be. The council is legally bound to grant a five-year HMO licence if the applicant meets the nationally set requirements. Until such time as an HMO licence is granted, the local authority may not enforce the higher level of control imposed by conditions associated with the licensing regime.</p> <p>In County Durham, private landlords must apply for a Selective Licence if the property falls within one of the 103 designated Selective Licencing areas. Selective Licence holders must comply with conditions to make sure the properties and tenancies are managed effectively. In these areas, the landlord of an HMO with fewer than five tenants would require this licence.</p> <p>Durham County Council follows relevant legislative requirements and associated guidance concerning houses in multiple occupation. Currently the process set out in law and agreed by Government does not require consultation for HMO's that do not require planning permission.</p>	

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<p>Petition 460</p> <p>Station Hotel, South Hetton repurposing/ demolition</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b> Received 30.5.24 No. of signatures</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to ensure a compulsory purchase order is completed or take greater enforcement action to repurpose to demolish the Station Hotel in South Hetton which is currently a dilapidated, dangerous disgrace in the centre of the village.</p>	<p>E-Petition to run from 30.5.24 – 1.9.24</p>
<p>Petition 461</p> <p>Traffic Light Controlled Junction at Murray Park and The Beeches, Stanley</p> <p>Received 5.6.24 No. of signatures 88</p>	<p>REG</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to install traffic light controlled junction at Murray Park and The Beeches, Stanley.</p>	<p>Awaiting response from the service.</p>